

August 15, 2002

HAND DELIVER

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary  
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
One South Station  
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: The Berkshire Gas Company, D.T.E. 01-56-A– Supplemental Decision  
Compliance Rates

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

In compliance with Chapter 164 of the General Laws and pursuant to the Department's order issued May 8, 2002 in D.T.E. 01-56-A, the Company on even date herewith filed rate schedules for gas service (M.D.T.E. No. 332 through 342) with an effective date of September 1, 2002. The purpose and effect of the Company's filing is to implement certain provisions of the Department's order in D.T.E. 01-56-A for its default service and transportation customers.

The Company's proposed rates, after reflecting the most recent GAF and LDAF (effective February 1, 2002 and May 1, 2002, respectively), will increase bills to typical non-heating residential customers using 14 Therms per month in the winter and 11 Therms per month in the summer by approximately \$.01 per month, on average. Bills for typical residential heating customers using 131 Therms per month in the winter and 30 Therms per month in the summer will increase, on average, \$.03 per month. Bill impact summaries for these residential customers are included for your review, as well as for commercial and industrial customers who take default service from the Company.

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A summary schedule that develops the allowed revenue levels by rate class, using the proposed rates, is also included. We shall be pleased to provide additional information concerning this matter at the Department's request.

Very truly yours,

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Vice President

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Service List, D.T.E. 01-56

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